MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) & (*b*) The increase has been sanctioned with effect from 1-1-1104. But, it has not been possible to work out the details and to give effect to the revision without the help of a special staff appointed for the purpose. A special staff has been sanctioned and is now at work and the revision will be given effect to as early as practicable, the same taking effect from 1-1-1104.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. D. FRANCIS (*Nominated*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know how many months it will take for the special staff to finish their work?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Once more please.

MR. D. FRANCIS (*Nominated*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know within how many months will the special staff finish their work?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The special staff was sanctioned for five months. Two months are over and it is hoped that the work will be finished within three months.

MR. D. FRANCIS (*Nominated*): When will the increase of pay be given effect to?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It will take effect from the 1st Chingam 1104.

The Kottayam-Karukachal Road.

62. MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the approximate length of the Kottayam-Karukachal road;

(*b*) whether this road is fit for motor traffic;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, the length of the portion of the road unfit for motor traffic; and

(*d*) the number of bridges on the road which are unfit for motor traffic?

(2) Are the Government aware that, if a small portion of the road near Thottakadu is repaired, the road will be fit for even heavy motor traffic?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) $10\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Except the first three miles the whole road is unfit for motor traffic.

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(*d*) Two.

(2) If the portions near the two bridges are repaired the road will be fit for eight-seaters only and not for heavy motor vehicles. The repairs are in progress.

Allotment for the Bridge at Arattukadavu on the Mavelikara-Tiruvalla Road.

63. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the sum of Rs. 10,000 allotted in the P. W. D. Budget for 1105 for the bridge at Arattukadavu on the Mavelikara-Tiruvalla road has been diverted for other purposes;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for the same; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, whether orders have been passed for starting the work?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Since the work is not considered very urgent and since it is proposed to provide for the work in the Budget for 1106 M. E.

(*c*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know when it was that the Government found that the work was not very urgent?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): In communicating sanction to the estimate, Government gave directions to the Chief Engineer that this work may be taken up later as the work was not urgent. That was on 5-12-1929.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Was it on 5-12-1929 that the Government found that the work was not very urgent?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is the date of the order.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are the Government aware that a Budget allotment was made in 1104?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I note it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is it after the sanction of that allotment that the work was not considered urgent?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): For several reasons it may not be possible to utilise the allotment. In some cases the estimate may not be ready and in some cases on account of the urgency of other works a work could not be taken up.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Was it not provided for at the time of the preparation of the Budgets for 1104 and 1105?

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